

The July 23, 1945, Meeting of  
The Town Assembly of Arden,  
Del.

The meeting was held at  
Gild Hall, Arden, Del., and  
was presided over by Trustee  
Ware.

After <sup>the</sup> Chairman had declared  
a quorum to be present, the minutes  
of the June 25, 1945, meeting were  
read and approved.

A letter was received from  
the Civilian Defense Corps of Arden  
which stated that \$74.60 of  
the funds donated by the town  
of Arden for Civilian Defense  
had been returned to the  
Trustees of Arden.

A communication was  
received from Trustee Ware in  
which he requested that the  
minutes of the August 28, 1944  
meeting be corrected since the  
statement that the Trustees "consider  
the full rental value of Arden  
land to be what the community  
through its democratically elected  
assessors decided it to be" was  
not a policy of the Trustees. He  
pointed out that the Trustees  
could not be bound by such  
a statement without being grossly  
derelict in their obligation to  
the Deed of Trust.

A financial report, a copy  
of which is attached, was



presented by the Trustees and was accepted.

A report of the activities of the Civic Committee, a copy of which is attached, was read by Chairman Ximene and was accepted.

William Frank read a report from the Board of Assessors in which it was requested that the Assembly give the Assessors permission to submit their report at the August meeting rather than at the July meeting so that they might have more time to arrive at the full rental value of the Arden lands. The report further requested that the leaseholders and residents of Arden assist the Assessors by expressing their viewpoints on the full rental value of Arden land either in writing or at the open meeting to be held in Guild Hall at 8:00 P.M. on July 24. The report, a copy of which is attached, was accepted.

The Community Planning, Registration, Auditing, By-Laws, and School Committees reported progress.

The town officer, Frank Starr, reported that his campaign to remove stray dogs from Arden had resulted in the licensing of



several dogs which he had previously considered to be strays, that most of the drivers who speed on Arden roads are Arden residents, that <sup>some of the</sup> thefts from the homes of summer residents during the past winter ~~might~~ might have been prevented if such residents would <sup>have</sup> ~~locked up~~ locked up their homes when they left Arden, and that several boys who had been caught participating in mischievous pranks were now cooperating in an exemplary manner. Mr. Starr's report was accepted with praise.

Herman Kummel, reporting for the School Trustees, stated that they had encountered difficulties in arranging for the construction of the new school and that a report would be made at a later date. The report was accepted.

Chairman Ware appointed the following three residents to fill the vacancies on the special School Committee:

John Walmsley, Ingeborg Stephens and Philip Cohen

William Frank moved that the Assembly Secretary be asked to notify newly elected officers when they are elected and that the first person elected to the Board of Assessors be designated as temporary.



Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

John Gordon reported on the type and quantity of fire fighting equipment available on the Civilian Defense trailer which has been stationed in Arden throughout the war. The report, a copy of which is attached, was accepted. A decision as to what should be done about acquiring the equipment was postponed until the federal government's procedure for disposing of this equipment is made known.

Warren Hamblby pointed out that a considerable amount of fire hose was available at his place of employ and that he thought it could be obtained at a bargain. He suggested that the town consider acquiring the hose.

Henry Aughey asked the Trustees for an explanation for their failure to nominate a third trustee. Trustee Ware stated that he and Trustee Cohen had considered the problem and thought it advisable that the Town Assembly select a committee to confer with the trustees in regard to suitable candidates for the vacancy. Henry Aughey moved



that a special meeting be called on August 6, 1945, to elect a committee of five members to confer with the Trustees of Arden in regard to selecting a suitable nominee for the present vacancy on the Board of Trustees of Arden. The motion was seconded and approved.

Carl Brooks moved that the question as to whether or not the quorum required for Town Assembly meetings be reduced to 35 be submitted to a referendum vote. The motion was seconded.

Henry Aughey stated that he thought 35 residents were too few to decide town policies.

Samuel Freeman remarked that since all important questions were decided by referendum vote, he saw no objection to lowering the quorum.

The above motion was approved. William Frank explained why it was desirable to have a large attendance at the Board of Assessors' public meeting on Tuesday, July 24. He stated that such important questions as, "Should all lots be 100% lots?" and "Should the base rate be lowered?" would be discussed.

Henry Aughey moved that the Town Assembly recommend that the Board of Assessors set up the rental value of all lots



on a 100% base and retain  
all other factors as of the present  
date. The motion was seconded  
and then voted down.

The meeting adjourned  
at 10:35 P.M.

Signed: R. W. Peterson